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What is claimed is:

1. A computer-based method for distributing leads from a lead database, the method comprising the steps of:

receiving a lead request from a user;

providing a selected lead to a user in response to said lead request;

preventing said selected lead from being provided to another user;

receiving a processing request from the user for the selected lead;

processing the selected lead to identify a result of said lead;

automatically sending a first confirmation message to the user; and

automatically sending a second confirmation message to the lead;

wherein said first and second confirmation messages indicate said result.

- 2. The method of claim , wherein said first and second confirmations are sent via a wide area network.
- 3. The method of claim 2, wherein said wide area network is an Internet.

- 4 The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of: automatically sending a confirmation message to an administrator.
- 5. The method of claim 4, wherein said first and second confirmations are sent via a wide area network.
- 6. The method of claim 5, wherein said wide area network is an Internet.
- 7. The method of claim 1 wherein said lead request identifies one or more parameters the lead must have (location, product).
- 8. The method of claim 1, where each lead includes at least one of contact information and product information.

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